

Element Performance Inspection (EPI)

6.1.4 Dispatcher Duty / Rest Time (OP)

Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):

To ensure that dispatchers comply with required rest and assigned duty periods.

Objective (FAA responsibility):

To determine if the Air Carrier adheres to its procedures and controls for the Dispatcher Duty / Rest Time.

Specific Instructions for this EPI:

To accomplish this EPI, the inspector should be familiar with the Air Carrier's scheduling system software.

Task 4. Other appropriate personnel include dispatchers, schedulers, etc.

Related EPIs:

- 6.1.1 Scheduling / Reporting System (OP)
- 6.1.2 Flight Crewmember Flight / Duty / Rest Time (OP)
- 6.1.3 Flight Attendant Duty / Rest Time (OP)

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To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks (at the inspection locations where applicable):

1. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this EPI.
2. Review the associated SAI, with emphasis on the Controls Attribute section.
3. Review the Manuals and software specifications relating to Dispatcher Duty / Rest Time.
4. Discuss the Air Carrier's scheduling procedures with the system administrator or software personnel and other appropriate personnel.
5. Observe and assess the results of Dispatcher Duty / Rest Time procedures.
6. Review and assess records of the Dispatcher Duty / Rest Time.

To meet this objective, the inspector will answer the following questions:

1. Were the following performance measures met:

<i>1.1 Dispatchers met rest requirements prior to reporting for duty.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.2 The Air Carrier has not assigned dispatchers during a required rest period.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.3 Dispatchers have not exceeded duty time limitations.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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2. Were Dispatcher Duty / Rest Time procedures followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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3. Were Dispatcher Duty / Rest Time controls followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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4. Did records comply with rules for the Dispatcher Duty / Rest Time?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SRRs:

- 14 CFR 121.465 (a-c), “Aircraft dispatcher duty time limitations: Domestic and flag operations.”

Other CFRs and FAA Guidance:

- Legal Interpretations:
 - 3/28/91, Mr. Paul Supko; legal interpretation of 14 CFR 121.465, “Dispatcher Duty Time Limitations: Domestic and Flag Air Carriers.”
 - 3/28/91, Ms. Linda Gibbs; legal interpretation of 14 CFR 121.465, “Dispatcher Duty Time Limitations.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 6, Sect. 2, Par. 1179, “Aircraft Dispatcher Duty Time Limitations.”
- Refer to Advisory Circulars using a search engine (such as ATP Navigator or Summit).